

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are pending in this application. Claims 12-30 have been withdrawn without prejudice from further consideration. Claims 31-39 have been added above. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added by these amendments.

Claims 1-30 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

The Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 to one of the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1-11, classified in Class 370, Subclass 251;

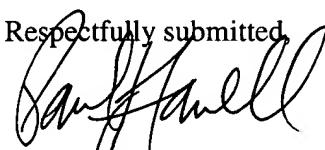
Group II: Claims 12-14, classified in Class 370, Subclass 394; or

Group II: Claims 15-30, classified in Class 370, Subclass 235.

In response, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, containing Claims 1-11 and new Claims 31-39, for examination on the merits. It is respectfully requested that new Claims 31-39 be grouped into Group I since new Claims 31-39 each depend from one of independent Claims 1, 7 and 10 of Group I. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications to the non-elected groups of claims.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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